

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

1. [0007] (a) a substantially horizontal base releasably attached to ~~the truck bed, raised above the truck bed floor;~~ an interior surface of each of the side walls of the truck bed.
2. [0011] In one embodiment, the base rests upon at least one cross beam that is releasably attached to an interior surface of each of the side walls of the truck bed. In one embodiment the bunk has at least one support member that releasably engages the truck frame for supporting at least one bunk in its second position. In another embodiment at least one bunk may have a tension bar to stretch the canvas around the bunk and a slide arm to secure the tension bar in a substantially vertical position. In one embodiment the bunk is hingedly attached to the base, and in a further embodiment, the bunk is slidably attached to the base.
3. [0034] As shown in Figure 2, in one embodiment the shelter (10) has a substantially horizontal base (12) that rests upon two beams (54) which releasably engages the interior surface of the sidewalls (14) of the truck bed. As depicted in Figures 8 and 9, in one embodiment, the base (12) may rest upon at least two beams (54) that span the truck bed in an orientation perpendicular to its longitudinal axis. The beams (54) should preferably be light-weight and strong and may be constructed from any suitable materials including, but not limited to, aluminum or wood. The ends of the beams (54) may rest upon recesses in the truck bed sidewalls (14), or alternatively, the base (12) may rest upon brackets or bolts affixed to the interior surface of the sidewalls (14). It should be understood that other releasable engagement means commonly utilized in the art may be used. The releasable nature of the base (12) and beams (54) to truck bed sidewalls (14) facilitates easy insertion and removal of the shelter (10) by the user. The user may lie down on the base (12) when the shelter (10) is raised and a mattress or other padding means may be placed on the base (12) and may be left on during in transit or storage. Luggage or other like objects may be stowed in the space between the base (12) and the floor of the truck be the interior surface of the sidewalls (14) of the truck bed.